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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, applicant and the undersigned attorney wish to bring the following information to the Examiner's attention in connection with the examination of the above-captioned application.

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the above materials and make them of record in the above-captioned application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. § §1.16-1.17 to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

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